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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 06054

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DAVIGNON'S OFFICER HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING
DOCUMENT DEVELOPED DURING JUNE 30 -JULY 2 GOVERNING
BOARD MEETING. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO DISSEMINATE TEXT
TO IEA AND PERHAPS OTHER CAPITALS.

BEGIN TEXT.

WORKING PAPER NO. 1, JULY 1, 1975 CONSIDERATIONS FOR
RESUMING THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE
THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS ARE SET FORTH AS A
POSSIBLE BASIS FOR RESUMING THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OIL
PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES. THEY ARE OF A
PRELIMINARY CHARACTER, AND ARE INTENDED TO INDICATE
A POSITIVE POSITION TOWARD RESUMING THE DIALOUGE ON THE
PART OF THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES, WHICH REMAIN OPEN FOR
DISCUSSION OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

1. MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE IEA BELIEVE THAT ACTIVE
MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN
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OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES (DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING ALIKE) ON QUESTIONS OF ENERGY, COMMODITIES
AND DEVELOPMENT. BY MAKING THIS DECISION, MEMBER
COUNTRIES RECOGNISE THE POLITICAL NECESSITY OF TACKLING
THESE TWO LATTER ISSUES WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE.

2. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING BY WHICH THE DIALOGUE
IS RESUMED MUST BE CLEARLY AGREED IN ADVANCE, AND IT MUST

BE PREPARED AND ORGANIZED, IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CAN BE SATISFIED BEFORE THE MEETING THAT IT WILL REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

3. AS THE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING IN APRIL WAS SUSPENDED, IT WOULD BE NORMAL FOR THE DIALOGUE TO RESUME BY A MEETING IN THE SAME FORMAT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF FORMALLY DECIDING THE STRUCTURE (INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION, VERY GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THE COMMISSIONS) AND MAJOR TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION IN THE DIALOGUE, AS WELL AS DECIDING UPON APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR LAUNCHING THE COMMISSIONS.

- SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD RELATIVELY QUICKLY WITHOUT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AS TO PARTICIPATION:

- THE PARTICIPANTS BEING KNOWN IT COULD BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED IN ADVANCE SO AS TO ASSURE ITS SUCCESS;

- THE HOST COUNTRY CAN ASSIST IN ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES.

4. DEPENDING UPON DECISIONS AGREED IN ADVANCE OF AND ADOPTED BY THE RESUMED PREPARATORY MEETING, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO HOLDING A MEETING OF A LARGER GROUP (PERHAPS THE GROUP OF 25/26/27 COUNTRIES ON WHICH A CONSENSUS APPEARED TO BE DEVELOPING DURING THE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING IN APRIL) TO TAKE THE FORMAL DECISIONS NECESSARY TO LAUNCH THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONS. IN ANY CASE, EACH COMMISSION WOULD ELABORATE ITS OWN WORK PROGRAMME, INCLUDING ITS DETAILED TERMS OF REFERENCE, IN ORDER TO GIVE THE DIALOGUE THE CONCRETE CHARACTER WHICH HAS BECOME INDISPENSABLE.

5. AS TO THE NATURE OF THE DIALOGUE ITSELF, THE IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES BELIEVE:

- THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE AN EVOLVING PROCESS WITH NO FIXED CONFIDENTIAL

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DATES OR DEADLINES SET BEFOREHAND FOR COMPLETING ITS WORK;

- THE MAIN TOPICS (ENERGY, COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT) SHOULD BE DISCUSSED SEPARATELY BY DIFFERENT "COMMISSIONS" OF APPROPRIATE COMPOSITION WHICH WILL BE RESTRICTED BUT REPRESENTATIVE;

- ALL OF THE COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE EQUAL STATUS, AND ALL SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUIVALENT POLITICAL EMPHASIS. IN PARTICULAR, IN PROPOSING THE CREATION OF SEPARATE GROUPS TO DEAL WITH THE TOPICS OF COMMODITIES AND DEVELOPMENT, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE EFFECTIVE ACTION IN THOSE AREAS;

- EACH OF THESE DIFFERENT COMMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT INDEPENDENCE AND PROCEDURAL FLEXIBILITY TO DEVELOP ITS PARTICULAR TOPIC IN WHATEVER BREADTH AND DEPTH THE TOPIC REQUIRES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES; EACH SHOULD

HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DETERMINING THE NATURE,
EXTENT AND TIMETABLE OF THE ACTIVITIES NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE;
AND EACH WILL HAVE TO RELATE ITS WORK TO ACTIVITIES IN OTHER
INSTITUTIONS OR OTHER FORA;

- THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF EACH COMMISSION SHOULD BE KEPT
AS GENERAL AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
FLEXIBILITY REFERRED TO ABOVE AND IN ORDER TO AVOID THE
NECESSITY OF ADDRESSING AND RESOLVING IN ADVANCE THE SUBSTANTIVE
MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMISSION ITSELF;

- EACH COMMISSION SHOULD KEEP THE OTHER COMMISSIONS INFORMED
OF ITS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND EACH COMMISSION SHOULD GIVE
DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE WORK BEING DONE IN THE OTHER COMMISSIONS;

- IN PROPOSING THIS, WITHOUT SETTING UP A BINDING
STRUCTURE, WE RECOGNISE THE NECESSITY OF EXAMINING HOW REPORTING
TO GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE ORGANISED;

- CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING
EACH OF THE COMMISSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE SECRETARIAT SERVICES.
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